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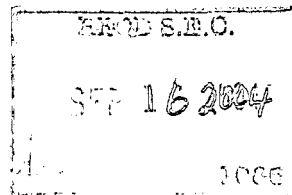
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September 16, 2004



Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HEALTH CARE REIT, INC., 7 5/8% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on September 16, 2004. Tentative listing date – September 20, 2004.

Sincerely,

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